MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : Was the recommendation unanimous ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : May I know from the member, how many members of the committee supported the abolition ?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Will the member give an assurance that unless appreciable improvement is made in the educated unemployment, could not Pleadership class be revived then ?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether Government did not consider in all their aspects the reports of the Unemployment Committee, the Law's Delays Committee and the Retrenchment Committee, when they recommended the abolition of the Pleadership Class ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, they were considered.

Publication of the "Sathyamathanweshanam" by Thomas Kathanar.

110. ***MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have recieved representations from different parts of the State regarding the abuse of the Holy Prophet Mahomed by one Thomas Kathanar, Mannancherry, in a book called "Sathyamathanweshanam" ;

(*b*) what action they have taken on the matter ; and

(*c*) whether they have proscribed the above-said book "Sathyamathanweshanam" or at least asked the author to remove the most objectionable portions wounding the feelings of the Muslims ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*). The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May I know when the first representation was received by the Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : 24th July 1932.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : Are the Government aware that there is a widespread feeling among the Muslims in this matter ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, they are aware.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : Then, may I know, is it not desirable to take prompt action ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are expected to take prompt action.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Why was there so much delay in taking action?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There was some difficulty in getting a copy of the book. The book has been received from the District Magistrate only today.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Are not such books proscribed by the Government for political reasons?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is it not a fact that the book is calculated to promote communal disharmony?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are seriously considering that question.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will they be pleased to expedite action in this matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know whether Government have received representations from non-Muslim communities as well, sympathising with the objectionable portions in the book?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In fact many representations have been received by Government. It is difficult to say from where all they have been received. I believe there are representations from non-Muslim communities also.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know whether the Government will take early action to redress the genuine grievances of Muslims in this respect?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know the nature of the action that Government propose to take in this matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That has to be decided in consultation with the law officers.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know when the book was first published?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have answered that already.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government considered that action was necessary only in the case of such allegations against the Muslim community?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know why Government thought it necessary to see the book at all?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Just to see what was the passage objected to.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Is it necessary to consult the law officers in this matter?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether such publications do not create class hatred?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They do.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Are the Government aware of the fact that such cases are indictable offences under the Travancore Penal Code?

MR K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): We will consult the legal advisers in this matter.

Reports of Committees.

111. **MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Changanachery I*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) which of the three Committees appointed by the Government, *viz.*, the Temple-entry Committee, the Education Committee and the Co-operative Societies Committee, have already finished their work and submitted their reports; and

(2) if all of them have not, within what time the remaining reports can be expected?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to place the reports already received on the table?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (1) Of the three Committees referred to by the member, the Education Reforms Committee have alone finished their work and submitted their report.

(2) The Temple-Entry Enquiry Committee's report is expected to be received early in 1109, while the report of the Co-operative Enquiry Committee is expected before the end of December 1933.

(*b*) The Report of the Education Reforms Committee is being printed. It is not therefore possible to place the report before the Assembly.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): When, may I know, was the Temple-Entry Enquiry Committee appointed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): November 1932.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know when did the Committee begin its work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Shortly after that.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know, the definite date?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Shortly after November.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): May I know when it was expected to finish its work?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Within 2 months from November 1932.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): When was the extension given?

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